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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

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The amendment document filed on 17 October 2005 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:  1. Amendments to the specification:  A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  C. Other <u>Two different paragraphs are identified as beginning on page 9 line 26 (p. 3-4 of the amendment paragraphs).</u>
<ul> <li>2. Abstract:</li> <li>A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.</li> <li>B. Other</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>3. Amendments to the drawings:         <ul> <li>A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).</li> <li>B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.</li> <li>C. Other</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>4. Amendments to the claims: <ul> <li>A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.</li> <li>B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims).</li> <li>C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended). See claim(s):</li> <li>D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>E. The amendments to the claims are not properly illustrated (i.e., additions shown using underlining; deletions shown using strikethrough; double brackets "[[12345]]" may only be used to show deletions five or fewer consecutive characters). See claim(s):</li> <li>F. A canceled claim may only be reinstated by presenting it as a new claim with a new claim number.</li> </ul>
☐ 5. Each section (i.e., "Claims," "Remarks," etc.) of the amendment does not begin on a separate sheet.
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- 2. Applicant is given one month, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

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Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

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